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**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING
AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
&
U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**FISCAL YEAR 2000 THROUGH 2004
ACCOMPLISHMENTS
BREAKDOWN OF PROJECTS BY DISTRICTS
(As of June 1, 2004)**

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT
STATEWIDE PROJECTS**

Hawaiian Homelands Community Development Block Grant Program – \$28.7 million (Since FY02)

This appropriation, which was authorized by the Hawaiian Homelands Home Ownership Act of 2000 legislation shepherded by Senator Inouye, funds activities relating to housing development, housing services, housing management, crime prevention and safety, and homestead community centers. A majority of the funds are used to help Native Hawaiians secure affordable financing to build and rehabilitate homes on Hawaiian homelands.

Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions – \$6.75 million (Since FY01)

These funds will support community-building initiatives in concert with institutions of higher learning. Successful programs have occurred in Waianae, Papakolea, Anahola and Kalihi communities.

Native Hawaiian Housing Loan Guarantee Fund – \$3.07 million (Since FY02)

The Native Hawaiian Housing Loan Guarantee Fund, authorized by the Hawaiian Homelands Home Ownership Act of 1990, provides access to sources of private financing for native Hawaiian families. The State of Hawaii Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, experienced in the development of affordable housing for Native Hawaiians manage the fund.

OAHU

Kapahulu Senior Center Improvements – \$250,000 (FY04)

Funds for this initiative support improvements for the Kapahulu Senior Center, which is housed in a building more than 28 years old and in need of repair. The funds also create a wheelchair access for persons with disabilities.

Permanent Supportive Housing for the Homeless – \$500,000 (FY04)

This project will provide 12 to 15 permanent housing units for chronically homeless individuals with multiple disabilities. The units would be located in a low- to moderate-income neighborhood, and the funds will be administered by the Oahu Continuum of Care.

Nanakuli Boys and Girls Club of Hawaii – \$500,000 (FY04)

The appropriation assists the Boys and Girls Club of Hawaii with the planning and construction of a new facility in Nanakuli.

Nanakuli Neighborhood Services, Inc. – \$270,000 (FY03)

These funds support The Base Yard Hawaii, which helps low-income families and elderly people repair and renovate their homes using recycled construction materials.

Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center – \$180,000 (FY03)

These funds renovated and expanded the Center's facilities, allowing the Center to add services.

Waianae YMCA Facilities Construction – \$130,000 (FY04)

These funds supported a new YMCA for the Waianae coast that will provide a host of activities and fellowship for children, adults and families.

Alternative Structures International – \$450,000 (FY03)

These funds support the expansion of facilities and services of Ohana Ola O Kahumana, a transitional housing program for homeless families on the Waianae Coast.

Leeward YMCA, Community Recreation Center – \$135,000 (FY03)

These funds contribute to the expansion of the Leeward YMCA located at the old sugar mill in Waipahu. The new facilities will include a fitness center, swimming pool, climbing wall, child watch, aerobics room, meeting rooms, and parking spaces.

Boys and Girls Club of Hawaii – \$750,000 (FY02)

To support three new Boys and Girls Clubs of Hawaii in the Hawaiian homestead areas of Papakolea, Nanakuli, and Paukukalo.

Filipino Community Center, Inc. – \$750,000 (FY02)

To support development of the community center.

Helping Hands Hawaii Headquarters – \$500,000 (FY01)

To support the expansion and improvements to Helping Hands Hawaii's warehouse which houses household goods, school supplies and other items for needy families.

Kalihi YMCA of Honolulu – \$500,000 (FY02)

To support the reconstruction and expansion of the Kalihi YMCA facility.

Waipahu Festival Market Place – \$750,000 (FY01)

To support the development of a marketplace for small businesses and community events.

Kahuku Drainage Plan – \$1 million (FY00)

The funding supported Honolulu's implementation of a Kahuku Drainage Plan. Flooding has been a long-standing problem in the Kahuku area. This problem not only affects existing developments, but also inhibits potential growth for Kahuku. Businesses and affordable housing developers are reluctant to invest in the area because of high development and insurance costs.

BIG ISLAND

Reed's Bay Cleanup and Restoration – \$250,000 (FY04)

This funding assists the County of Hawaii in converting a blighted, overgrown area into a beach park with security features, restrooms and sidewalks with access features for persons with disabilities, a parking area, and access to Banyan Drive.

West Hawaii Emergency Homeless Shelter – \$675,000 (FY03)

These funds support the County of Hawaii's plans to construct a homeless shelter in Kailua-Kona.

Hilo Boys and Girls Club – \$270,000 (FY03)

These funds support the renovation of a structure into a facility for the Boys and Girls Club of Hawaii in Hilo.

KAUAI

West Kauai High Technology and Visitors Center – \$1.45 million (FY01, FY03 & FY04)

These funds went for the construction of Tech Center Phase II in Waimea, as well as a facility where businesses can offer technology education and training to young people, displaced sugar workers, and the community at large.

YMCA of Kauai, – \$500,000 (FY02)

To support construction of a multipurpose community center.

Heritage Trails Project – \$300,000 (FY02)

To support the development of a walking and bike path stretching along the beautiful coast of East Kauai.

MAUI COUNTY

Hawaii Nature Center Maui Renovation Project – \$500,000 (FY04)

The Hawaii Nature Center is a 501(c)(3) organization that offers hands-on outdoor environmental education programs. Its goal is to foster a lifelong appreciation of the environment in Hawaii's children through educational field experiences for elementary school students, families, and the public. This appropriation supports the renovation of the Center's Iao Valley facility.

Senior Housing and Maui County Immigrant Services – \$675,000 (FY03)

These funds will be used to develop a complex in Wailuku.

Boys and Girls Club of Hawaii – \$750,000 (FY02)

To support three new Boys and Girls Clubs of Hawaii in the Hawaiian homestead areas of Papakolea, Nanakuli, and Paukukalo.

Maui Family Support Services, Inc. – \$250,000 (FY00)

Maui Family Support Services used the funds to purchase a permanent structure to create an early childhood center. The agency's mission is to prevent child abuse and neglect, and to provide support services that strengthen families. Its programs seek to prevent family difficulties from becoming chronic and expensive public problems. The early childhood facility, which delivers a wide range of services to low-income families, will open its doors in early summer, 2004.

Wailuku Revitalization – \$600,000 (FY00 & FY02)

The funds supported Maui County's revitalization of Wailuku, including the Iao Theater, a town that was once a bustling center of commerce. Maui has undertaken an ambitious plan to revitalize Wailuku's 24-acre commercial core, an area many tourists drive through on their way to Iao Valley State Park.

Maui Academy of Performing Arts – \$250,000 (FY01)

To support the expansion of its performance space and classrooms studios.

Molokai Capacity Building and Project Development – \$150,000 (FY00)

The funds helped Molokai with capacity building and project development efforts, which included agricultural, environmental, social, cultural, and economic initiatives.

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

STATEWIDE

Cesspools and Septic Systems in Hawaii – \$1.5 million (Since FY03)

The funds for this new initiative are being used by the counties to replace cesspool systems with septic systems which is required by the EPA. Efforts are ongoing on the Big Island and Oahu.

Economic Development Alliance of Hawaii – \$1.7 million (Since FY01)

These funds support biotechnology projects to reduce pesticide use in tropical and subtropical agriculture production by establishing crops that are resistant to specific pests and diseases. This initiative solicits and funds proposals for pilot projects that strive to offer proof of a method's success on a commercial scale, which is an important step for growers who are attempting to secure private loans and investments for their start-up enterprises.

Sustainable Agriculture in Hawaii and the American Pacific, American Farmland Trust – \$390,000 (FY00 - FY03)

This appropriation provides support for the American Farmland Trust's Sustainable Agriculture in Hawaii and the American Pacific. The goal of this integrated pest management project is to reduce the human health and environmental risks of pesticide and nutrient applications, while improving the economic viability of agriculture in Hawaii and western Pacific Islands. The program's previous achievements include helping the Waialua Farmers Cooperative's 40 growers begin using more effective, environmentally-friendly pesticide products.

Agriculturally-Based Environmental Remediation – \$400,000 (FY00 & FY01)

The funds were provided to the Hawaii Department of Agriculture and the University of Hawaii's College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources to continue developing agriculturally-based environmental remediation technologies. Efforts are underway to demonstrate cost-effective, agriculturally-based restoration methods.

OAHU

Wastewater Treatment Technologies – \$450,000 (FY03)

The City and County of Honolulu uses these funds to demonstrate new wastewater treatment technologies. Potable water supplies on Oahu are in jeopardy due to the increasing population and declining groundwater recharge. In the year 2023, potable water demand is expected to exceed supply unless aggressive water reuse and recycling programs are developed and implemented.

Ala Wai Canal Watershed Improvement Project – \$500,000 (FY00)

The money allowed the community and local government to continue their efforts to improve the Ala Wai Canal, which is the most polluted body of water in the State, and to improve the surrounding neighborhoods. The project involves a partnership of federal agencies, the Hawaii Department of Health, and local residents.

BIG ISLAND

Community Recycling Centers, Hawaii Island Economic Development Board – \$1.03 million (Since FY02)

These funds are used by the Hawaii Island Economic Development Board and the Hawaii County to continue to implement a community development model for renewable resource management by upgrading solid waste transfer stations into community recycling centers. This project's goal is the development of innovative solutions for collecting, treating, and recycling products.

Drinking Water System – \$1 million (FY02)

These funds were be used by the County of Hawaii to upgrade its drinking water system, especially in remote areas of the island.

Kohala Environmental Impact Statement – \$450,000 (FY00)

Hawaii County used the funds to improve its existing water and delivery system in Kohala.

KAUAI

Lihue and Waimea Wastewater Treatment Plants – \$2 million (FY00 & FY01)

The funding enabled Kauai County to increase the Lihue Wastewater Treatment Plant's reliable capacity, number of transmission lines, and effluent disposal capacity. It also allowed for an interim solution for the Waimea plant.

MAUI COUNTY

Upcountry Maui Lead-Water Reduction Plan – \$500,000 (FY04)

The Maui Department of Water Supply is working with the State Department of Health and the community to test homes in Maui's Upcountry for lead contamination from the homeowners' plumbing, and to remove the source or sources of the lead contamination. The funding also provides voluntary lead-blood testing for children in this region, and educates the community about the dangers of lead contamination and how to minimize risks.

Seaweed Control – \$250,000 (FY02)

These funds were used by the County of Maui to control nuisance seaweed accumulations on the beaches of Kihei.

Native Hawaiian Fishponds – \$1 million (FY00 & FY01)

The funding helped various Molokai communities that are rehabilitating Native Hawaiian fishponds to meet water quality permit requirements. These ponds are a living link to ancient Hawaiian history and culture, and provide wonderful opportunities for education and aquaculture. Ongoing water quality issues must be addressed to protect the health of fish stocks and the condition of nearby waters.

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

BIG ISLAND

Bishop Museum Exploration Program/Astronomy Education; Mission Communications Services and Academic Programs – \$1.75 million (FY01 & FY02)

These funds were used for an educational partnership involving NASA and Bishop Museum.

Mauna Kea Astronomy Education Center – \$22.85 million

These National Aeronautics and Space Administration funds are being spent for the planning, design, and construction of the Mauna Kea Astronomy Education Center at the University of Hawaii at Hilo. The Center will serve as the premiere interpretative facility for the world's largest and finest collection of operational astronomical observatories. It will have direct and constant communication with the 12 observatories atop Mauna Kea, allowing visitors and students across the nation unprecedented access to cutting-edge research in astronomy. It will be a place of life-long learning for residents and visitors alike.